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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Personnel

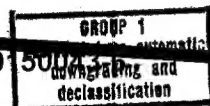
SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Travel and Transportation  
Expenses of CIARS Retirees for Moves  
Within the Metropolitan Washington Area

1. You have requested our opinion as to whether a CIARS retiree may be reimbursed for travel and transportation expenses for a move from one dwelling place to another, both within the Metropolitan Washington area. You have referred specifically to the draft revision of [REDACTED] which in turn implements a 30 April 1969 memorandum by the DD/S, approved by the Executive Director-Comptroller, which approves payment of transportation expenses for CIARS retirees from their last posts of assignment to the places they have chosen to reside in the U. S., its possessions or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

2. We do not believe this authority can be interpreted to allow travel within a post of duty. Retirement travel as developed for the CIARS retiree is in the nature of PCS travel; that is, not only may the employee travel, but he may be reimbursed for travel expenses of his family and for transportation expenses of shipping his household effects. From the point of view of PCS travel, the employee moving within the Washington area has no entitlement for reimbursement. [REDACTED] which incorporates BOB Circular No. A-56, by reference states in subsection 1.3a:

"The travel and transportation expenses and applicable allowances may be authorized in connection with a transfer of an employee from one official station to another only when the transfer is between official stations.... Thus, these expenses and allowances may not be authorized when the old and new posts of duty are

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located within the corporate limits of the same city or town or are both within another area described in said SGTR section 1.5."

It is well established that the entire Metropolitan Washington area is considered one post of duty or official station.

3. In view of the above consideration, this office is of the opinion that reimbursement for moves by retirees within the Metropolitan Washington area may not be authorized.

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